



Press Release

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On: OCTOBER EGG PRODUCTION
UP 4 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . .October egg production in Texas totaled 411 million eggs, up 4 percent from October 2003, and up 4 percent from September 2004, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during October averaged 18.5 million, up slightly from last year and up 2 percent from September 2004. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,220 eggs, up 3 percent from last year and up 2 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 53.2 million, up 4 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.64 billion eggs during October 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, 1.02 billion broiler-type hatching eggs and 62 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 344 million during October 2004, up 3 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers averaged 2,221 eggs, up slightly from the 2,220 eggs in October 2003.

Laying flocks in the thirty major egg producing states produced 7.15 billion eggs during October. The number of layers during October 2004 averaged 322 million.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 36 million, up 3 percent from October 2003. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 758 million, was up 3 percent from October of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 6.59 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during October 2004, up 4 percent from October 2003.